

THE TACTFUL ASSASSIN

THE FRONT PAGE

We all have those times of year when no precaution one takes seems to stop certain large scale factors from running ones life. It's called report cards, in this case. Fred jr was a little upset last summer when I couldn't get TTA out any faster than eight weeks. Well, that's the way it goes some times. You'll all have to trust me; if I'm going to fold up shop it will not be without a lot of forethought. I'll certainly warn you if that is in the offing. Otherwise, I'm just taking my time cuz I'm lazy and don't feel like watching the sun come up in order to get the zine in the post. This is a hobby, I do feel committed to it, but all things have to be in perspective. Perhaps I might feel a little more constrained to be very timely if the post up here were a little more alacritous and reliable. We'll never know

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE:

1992/12/18

Please note the above deadline. It is one week before Christmas. The mails will be slow. I won't publish until some time between Dec 29/31. If you keep the above date in mind any slowness in the mail should get taken care of by the later dates.

GAME START: Welcome to the seven players of Mensa #40 though not all of you are new to TTA. Maybe one of you would like to play in another game since you'll be getting the zine anyway. A couple of them are in dire need of some players. All my pleas have not been able to roust someone into the slots.

GAME OPENINGS:

Regular Diplomacy: Have 3 (Wiedermeyer, Touchette, Y.Kent); Need 4. This game is open to all. 3\$ NMR fee.

Gunboat Diplomacy: Have 5; Need 2. This game is open to all. Will be played with press. 3\$ NMR fee.

Asian Diplomacy: Have 5 (Dousette, Reynolds, Clingman, McKee, Robison); Need 2. This game is open to all. 3\$ NMR fee.

THE TIP OF THE ICICLE

Someone asked, "Why don't you tell us something about the place you live?" Okay, here's a little bit of family history. I was born in Baltimore in 1950. My dad just finished medical school and over the next four and a half years he did his internship and residency in four places in the East. My parents wanted my sister and me to grow up somewhat removed from the influence of their families which were old time Baltimore. My dad had been in San Francisco in the navy during the war and convinced my mother to move to California sight unseen (rather than Rhode Island). At four and a half I moved to the San Jose area. We moved to Palo Alto and then San Mateo when I was seven. My father set up the County Mental Health wing in the county hospital, which was then named after him when my parents were killed in an automobile accident caused by a drunk driver when I was ten. My paternal uncle became our guardian, when he was 26 and just entering residency to also become a psychiatrist.

He decided that the suburban life was a little too removed for us and we moved to Sausalito when I was 14. My last three years of high school were thus spent in Marin County with easy access to San Francisco. The time was '65 to '68. I was a typical preppie teenager; class president, student council, swimmer, runner, football player, etc. I partook of much of what was going on in SF. The concerts at the Fillmore and Winterland, in Golden Gate Park and at Monterey. I loved to roam in the wilds on Mt Tamalpais and spent countless days at Stinson Beach. I was not immune to the drugs at large at the time (virtually all of them) nor being propositioned by gays who would pick up young guys who were hitch hiking (left that one alone). I knew that there was a war going on but didn't pay it too much attention until my senior year. I was terribly shocked to learn that the government had lied to us about some of the things that were going. A sceptic was being shaped.

I don't remember making the decision to go to university. It seemed that it had always been expected that I would go and so it was just a matter of deciding where to go. I applied to about a dozen institutions in CA but somehow always knew that Berkeley was the best school there was and would go there, so I did. That's when the top came off of everything. I listened to what everyone had to say and

it quickly became apparent that the President and government were trying to feed us manure. I became quite involved in the demonstrations that took place; People's Park, Cambodia etc. I threw back the teargas cannisters at the police, county cops and national guard when they were called in. From 30 meters I watched a cop shoot and kill an innocent onlooker on top of a building on Telegraph Ave. I was not an instigator and too young to be in on anything important. The Chronicle interviewed me and three others about what was going on. When my uncle and others saw my picture on the front page they thought I might have been killed, until they read on. Through all this I maintained a 3.3 average and qualified to spend my third year at the exchange campus in Bordeaux, France. Drinking age in CA was 21 and so I was flabbergasted to find that I could now buy any amount of any type of wine I wished. Along with taking courses beside the French students I learned a lot about life. I ballooned to 85 kg, grew a long beard and hair down to the bottom of my shoulderblades.

When I came home after showing my sister and uncle around Europe I dove into my studies. I had started in Math but moved to Geography as a freshman because I wanted to closer to people and loved maps. As a senior I already started taking graduate courses. I was 4.0 for year 4. I started to wake up: got back into sports, weight back down to 75 kg, realized I was hiding behind all that hair, cut the beard and was vegetarian for the year. I had been fighting my draft board for three years over CO status. I was burying them in paper with my appeals etc. I failed my pre-induction physical because I had high blood pressure. 1-Y for the first year after graduation. I also had an English girl friend (met in France). What to do? Didn't know. What am good at? Going to school. Better go to school some more until we find out. I applied up the West coast (not down, hate LA, of course) and across Canada. Got in with TAships everywhere but UBC (the prof had enuf grad students). She got into UBC; I went to Simon Fraser Fall 72.

Relationship lasted three months. We were strangers in common in France, but very little else in the end. I was still shaky psychically but managed to stand on my own moderately. Sewed many oats on the road to choosing my wife. Cut the hair, got into clothes, enjoyed the freedom of early twentydom. But I was lonely. Bronwen came back from a year in Europe '72-'73 and the first course she took was Geog 101- TA Mr E Young. I had three picked as possible contenders, seeked them all out after the course was over (yes, I expect you to believe that!) and she was miles ahead. We skied, sailed, went to the symphony, played flute, etc. together for two years. We talked 'til all hours, we became best friends and finally lovers. Those talks were a catalyst that brought many things into perspective. We didn't want to be in the city. Why live somewhere and dream about leaving it

on the weekends? Why not live where you feel good and visit the city when you feel the need? I wanted to live in Canada. The USA has too much inertia and pressure that leads it in directions that aren't good for the world. The government finally admitted that the stated intention of US foreign policy was to make the world a safe place for US industry (ie. let us rip you off, guys). And it never seemed to learn from its mistakes; Nicaragua, El Salvadore, Marcos, the Shah, etc. I realized that my uncle's liberalism was too tame, I was a socialist. Canada listens to its socialists, it knows that they have the best ideas (until recently it just didn't want them to be the practitioners). Bronwen received her teaching credential after doing her practicum in Vernon and I got a job at Okanagan College. I found out what I wanted to do: teach. (I kept writing to the draft board all along, still have the card, too; but the Pres called an end to the draft before I had to refuse induction.)

We married early in '77 and bought our piece of property late that Fall; 16.5 acres, 9 of prime hay land with 1 in woods and the rest pasture. We set about building our own log home (completed in three installments) and turning the raw land into a subsistence farm. We decided that this was were we wanted to live and that the jobs would have to fit that, rather than chase the job market. Bad decision to make just before the presidential election of '80. The recession that Reagan plunged the world into caught me by the short ones. The college had no permanent job for me and the move to the public system was punctuated by five years of under-employment (part time, subbing, etc.) Mr Reagan cost me \$100000 of income (not to mention the troops he sent after me at Berkeley). Now I knew I belonged in Canada, became a citizen in 1980. We spent lots of energy on make our land into a small farm. I learned how to put up hay, pull a calf from a cow, load pigs into trucks, plow snow on driveways and clay fields into wheat and oats. Many has been the time that we have had friends over for a meal and everything on the plate was produced on the farm, including the wine! One New Years the electricity went out so we just continued cooking the meal on our 1909 cook stove and had a great time. We also had two sons, Elan in '79 and Gresham in '81. Gresham developed liver cancer in '87 and died shortly before Xmas. A heavy toll, and a void impossible to fill, though we did try to adopt.

I know that the part about the present is short but I see things as a continuum. Arriving is not the point, getting there is what it's all about. We want to be where we feel good, where the environment is still strong, the animals still live. In 15 minutes I can be in our canoe on a small lake where a loon will call to me. I can ride our horse up the mountain behind (1 km) our house and have to turn around because we see a bear. I can raise my head up from stacking fire wood to watch a flight of 200 geese heading south. I

do less of the work now but our farm still produces more food than three people need to eat in one year. We are semi-vegetarians now so we sell all the beef and use the money to buy salmon and halibut that a local fisherman catches and brings up from the coast. Our customers still say that its the best beef they've ever eaten, one doesn't bother with ordering beef in a restaurant. We recycle everything we can, compost all organic matter (and spread it with the manure), run our vehicles on propane, etc. I contribute to society by being a trustee on the local hospital board. Finally, I try to train our young people to think and become self-aware active members of society.

I have always believed that I (anyone?) could always accomplish anything that I set my mind to do. I always have but it was a humbling experience to push my body to failure and have to walk the last five km of the marathon knowing how fast I can run. I firmly believe that we have to keep the long term perspective in mind. We have to think globally and act locally/personally. I enjoyed this, hope you did.

NINJISTICS

Robert Lesco complains that I called him a "no one". He sent in a solution last time and I missed it on the back of his letter. We agree on the supper line up:
Mr Eas Ms Bak Mr Daw Ms Eas Mr All Ms Daw

Ms All Mr Fra Ms Car Mr Bak Ms Fra Mr Car

LETTER BOMBS

Eric Voogd: Nice talking to you last month. Sometimes you sound like a cynic in the zine. On the phone you sound much more upbeat.

ECY: Cynic? Never! I am an eternal optimist. I always assume that everything will be/turnout great. Sceptic? Yes!! Since the lessons of the 60's I have never, ever accepted anything at face value. I always ask questions. That's why we have to swear to Tell the Truth, the Whole Truth and Nothing but the Truth! It is all too easy to lie by omission. Or the way that Nixon and his people tried to deny things by questioning why people would want to attack the President. They never said it wasn't true, just that we shouldn't ask. Bill van der Zalm was the same way in BC. "Well, it never would have been such a big deal if you guys hadn't found out about it." Wow. Yes I am a sceptic, yes I am an optimist.

Jack McHugh: I sense a definite left lean to the zine and the letters that you print. Wouldn't it be good to have a good conservative like Brad Wilson or David Hood to balance things out?

(Or something to that effect; I left the letter at home.)

ECY: Brad and I tried to trade zines but the mail connection between us was the worst in modern history. After multiple NMR's on both accounts we gave up. I will print anything that someone sends me.

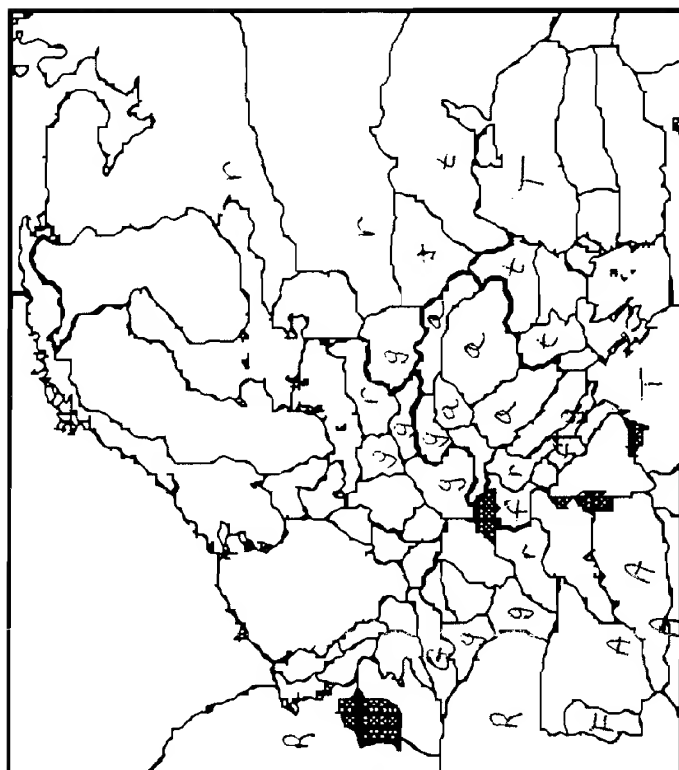
I would look forward to more challenges of my thinking and stance. That said . . .

Phil Reynolds: I consider myself to be a socialist at heart, too. For the last several years I have been labelling myself as a liberal social democrat (my own concoction of terminology-I'm not even sure if it makes sense!). I am aware of attempts to apply socialism in societies throughout history and many of these have had problems, if they weren't outright failures. In parcticality, a blend of socialism and capitalism seems to be the best of both philosophies. Being the realist that I am, I still hope for the day when civilizations will be mature enough to become much more socialist. The realist in me, however, thinks, "Not in my lifetime."

ECY: Most of the failures have been attempts that were brought on by some dictatorship group "the proliterate" ie. the society as a whole was not behind it and was pulled in by some "leading" group. Where the vast majority of the society has endorsed the idea it seems to flourish, eg, Sweden, Japan, etc.

Dennis Klein: By the time I get the next TTA it is likely that the November elections will be past. This year is a particularly frustrating one for me as the US political system continues to generate woefully inadequate condidates at all levels. With the entry of Perot into the campaign I heard all sorts of established ploiticians and pundits defending the two party system as the "American Way" and conjuring up all sorts of terrible consequences if Perot's challenge were to upset the appplecart. What this country needs is to have its cart upset. The bulk of government in this country has become entrenched and unresponsive to the needs of the people. Major changes are needed. I personally have felt that a parliamentary system of government might be more responsive, but won't provide significant changes until the bureaucracy changes its mindset from self-preservation to treating the people of the country as their employers. I am no fan of any of the cnadidates (I voted for Tsongas in the primary). When Perot pulled out in July then got back in I lost all respect for the man. At this time, I will likely vote for Clinton because I don't want Bush to have the next Supreme Court appointment.

ECY: We are just as fed up with our parliamentary system up here as you are. It has some advantages, slightly less entrenchment, but the strict party line voting has losts of us put off. Many people are looking for some hybrid of the two. We do have the nice situation of three parties, with a fourth, ultra-right, in the emergence stages. We all feel the need for changes, but the direct democracy fanatics had better look at what that means, check out Oregon and California with their plethora of single issue groups. What happens if some of that stuff passes? We just let peoples constitutional rights evaporate because we were pissed off one November Tuesday morning?



Mensa #33: 1990HT: SPRING 1912

Austria(Fuchs) F Tys-WMed F Naf S F Tys-WMed
A Gal S TUR A Ukr A Bud S A Gal A Tri-Tyr
A Vie S A Tri-Tyr S Spa S FREN A Mar

France (M McCabe) F Por S AUST F Spa (sc)
A Rome H A Mar-Pied

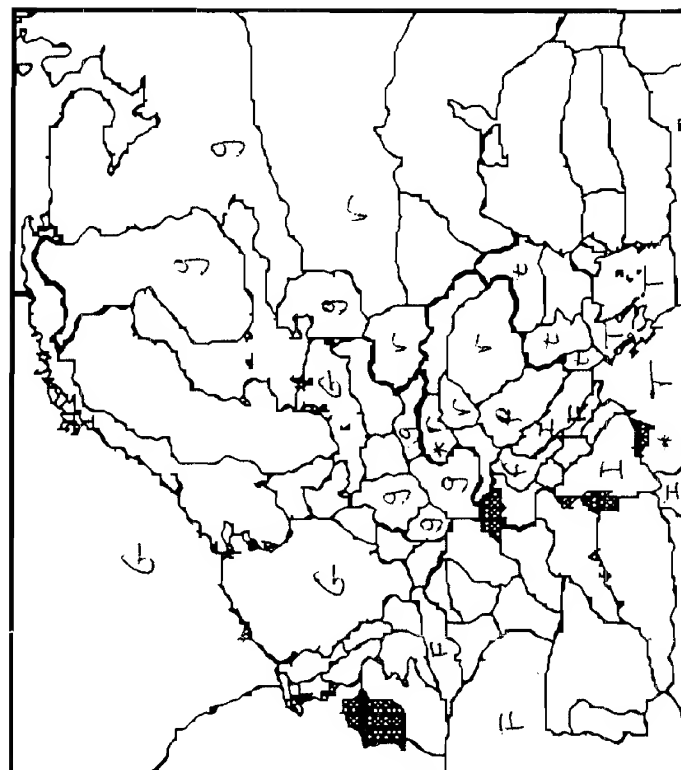
Germany (M Morris) F EngC S RUSS F NAO-MAO
A Gas S RUSS A Bur-Mar A Pic-Bre A Mun-Tyr
A Apu S RUSS A Pie-Ven A Boh S A Mun-Tyr
A Sil S A Boh A War S RUSS A Mos A Ber-Mun

Russia (P Kohnke) F MAO-Spa (sc) F NAO-MAO
A Bur-Mar A Pied-Ven A Pru S GER A War
A Mos S GER A War A StP S A Mos

Turkey (A York) A Ukr S AUS A Gal A Sev S A Ukr
A Arm-Rum A Rum-Ser F Bla C A Arm-Rum
F EMed-Ion

Proposal Fails 3/2

WE WILL PLAY FALL & WINTER 1912 NEXT TIME



Dunkerque; 1990 CC: FALL 1909

France (Heintzman) A Tyr-Tri A Ven S A Tyr-Tri
F Lpl-Cly F Apu S ITA F Tun-Ion F NAO-MAO
F IrS-EngC F Ion-Alb(dis. ret: Nap,OTB)

Germany (Acheson) A Pru-Liv F Bal S A Pru-Liv
A StP S A Pru-Liv A Fin S A StP A Bel-Ruh
F Nwy-Nrg F EngC-NoS A Sil S A Boh-Gal
A Boh-Gal(dis.ret: Tyr,OTB) A Mun-Boh A Kie-Mun

Italy (Klien) F Adr S FREN A Tyr-Tri
F Rom-TyS F Tun-Ion

Russia (Dousette) A Gal-Boh A Vie S A Gal-Boh
A War S A Gal-Boh A Bud S A Vie
A Mos S A Liv-StP A Liv-StP(dis. annihil)

Turkey(Lesco) A Ser-Bud A Tri S A Ser-Bud(D. ann)
A Alb S A Tri F EMed-Ion A Bul-Rum
F Aeg S F EMed-Ion F Gre S F EMed-Ion

Press: Fra-Former Tur/Itl: Yes, your breath stunk!

Tur-ECY: Oh sure, see if I write again!

Tur-Rus: Speaking of letters . . . (maybe now I will hear from him?)

Tur-Ger: Hi, Bob.

SUPPLY CENTRE STANDINGS FALL 1908

France(8) Hom , Spa, Por, Lpl, Ven, TRI +1

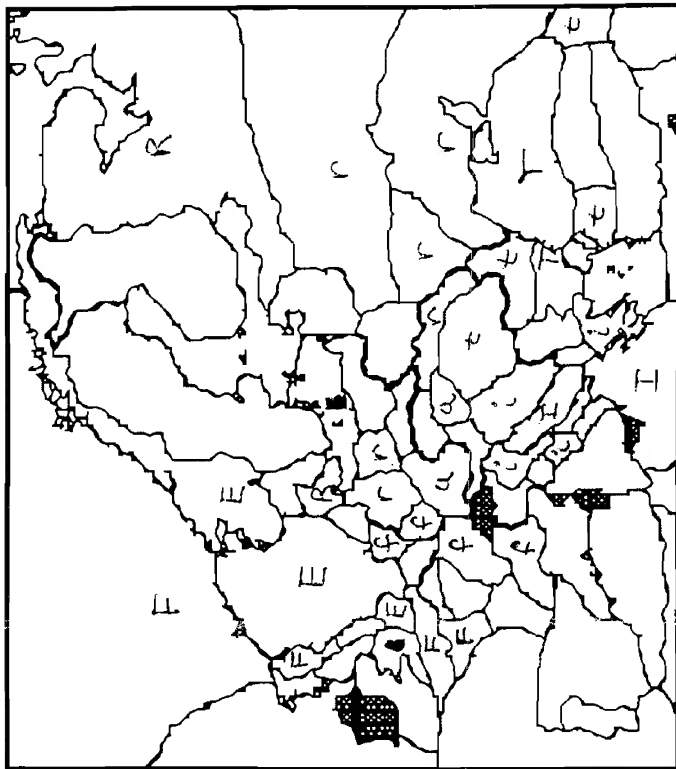
Germany(11) Hom, Bel,Hol,Lon,Edi,Scan,StP +0

Italy(3) Rom, Nap, Tun +0

Russia(5) Mos, War, Sev, Bud, Vie -0

Turkey(7) Hom, Bul, Gre, Ser, RUM +1

WE WILL PLAY WINTER/SPRING 1910 NEXT TIME



In Another Land; 1991Krb32; FALL 1908

Thanx to Everyone for getting in new orders.

Austria (2nd Wife) A Tyr-Mun A Vie S A Bud

A Bud S A Vie(dis. annihilated)

England (Trust Me!) F Hel-NoS F Nwy S F Hel-NoS

F Lon S F Hel-NoS A Wal S F Lon

F Bal S RUS A Kie F Edi S F Hel-NoS(D.ret-Cly)

France (Spock) F NoS-Edi F Nrg S F NoS-Edi

F EngC-NoS A Bur S AUS A Tyr-Mun

A Ruhr-Kiel A Hol S A Ruhr-Kiel

Italy (Rockhead) A Gre S TUR A Ser F Ion S A Gre

A Tri S TUR A Ser-Bud A Ven & F Adr S A Tri

Russia (Bugs Bunny) A Kie S F Den F Den S A Kie

F StP-Nwy A Mun-Ber A Sev S TUR A Arm-Rum

A Mos S A Sev A Ukr S A Sev A Sil-Gal

Turkey (Hi Roller) A Ser-Bud A Rum S A Ser-Bud

F Bla S A Rum F Con-Bul(ec) A Arm-Sev

Proposal failed: 0/6 New proposal: F-A-T concession.
Press: Rock-Spock: If Austria keeps A Tyr, it may be necessary to move to Pied next season. I'll leave in the Fall (not to Mar). Why would I mess up a good thing? Any help with the wabbit is appreciated.

Roller-Spock: His armies don't have to go beyond Kie/Mun. Count supply centers before entering into any deals.

Bunny-Spock: Can we disengage in a favourable fashion?

Roller-Bugs: Frustration is nothing new to me. I don't have a wassally wabbit's sex life.

Bugs-Roller: What strings? No fleets in Sev, no problem. I hope to see no fleet in Bla in return. Then I'm sure you'll see some of my rabbit's luck.

Rock-Bugs: Is your abandonmenr of the Wife any indication of your value as an ally?

Rock-Roller: I've found that plucking is the best way to get rid of unwanted hare. Or maybe poison. Or maybe plastique. Take your pick. Thanks for moving the fleet.

Roller-Rock: If I get Bud this turn, you get Vie next turn. It's on to the north and a carrot patch that used to be Ger.

2Wife-Bugs: No message for me, scorned already?

Bugs-2Wife: I'm certainly on your side, but I doubt I can help you much. I've tried to get the Rock turned towards the Roller, but, well he's been a rock!

Rock-WifeII: For what it's worth, I salute your effort. How could you know that Bugs would abandon you at the first opportunity?

2Wife-Rock: Why didn't you ask for support to Ser? Tri is yours, why waste time on this dot if the Hi-Bunny alliance rolls?

2Wife-Roller: So I attacked the nearest Bunny, see how persuasive you are! Now what?

Roller-2Wife: My doctor says to stay away from Greece . . . or was that grease?

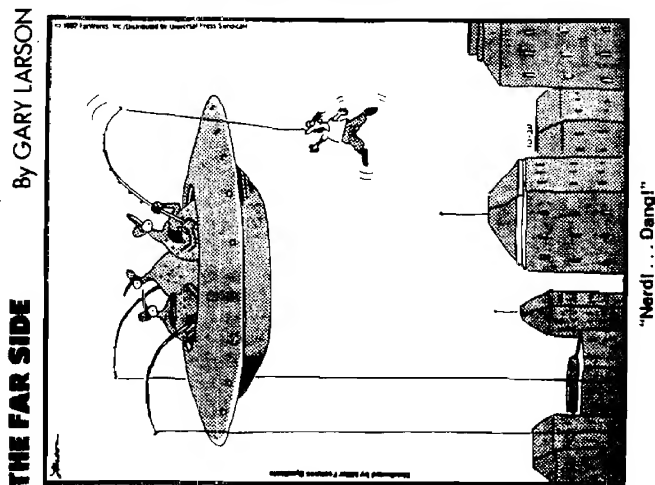
SUPPLY CENTRE STANDINGS FALL 1908

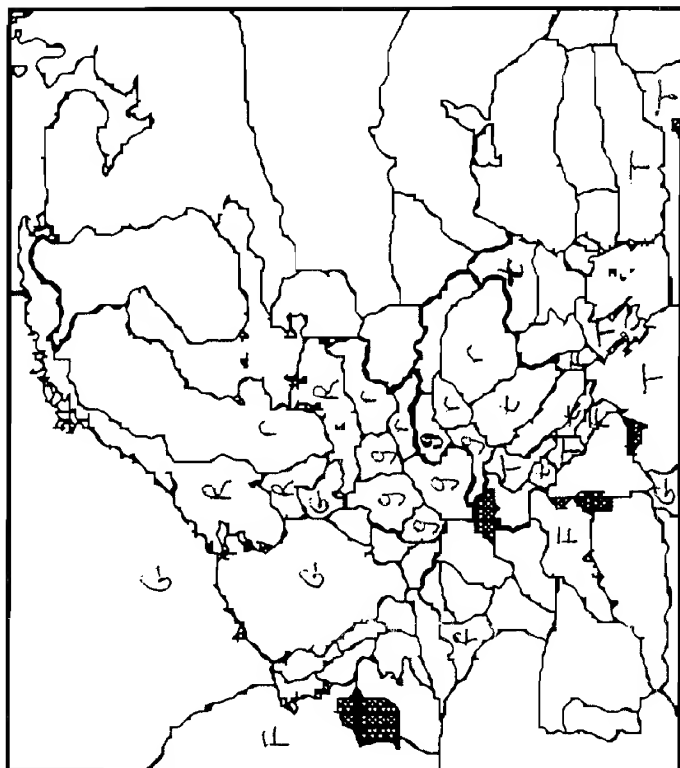
Austria(2)	Vie, MUN	-0
England(3)	Lon, Lpl, Nwy	-3
France(8)	Hom, Spa, Por, Bel, HOL, EDI	+2
Italy(6)	Hom, Tun, Gre, TRI	+1
Russia(8)	Hom,Swe,Den,Ber,KIE	+0
Turkey(7)	Hom, Ser, Bul, BUD, RUM	+1

WINTER 1908 ADJUSTMENTS

England	Remove: F Bal, A Wal, F Cly
France	Build: F Bre, A Mar
Italy	Build: A Rom
Turkey	Build: A Con

WE WILL PLAY SPRING/SUMMER 1909 NEXT TIME





Citadel; 1991T: FALL 1907

Austria (Acheson) A Gal S TURK A Bul-Rum

France(Davis) F TyS-Nap A Rom S F TyS-Nap(D.ann)
F GoL-TyS F Alb-Tri A Gas-Bre F Cly-NAO

Germany(Staats) A Sil-Vie(NSU) A Boh S A Sil-Vie
 F Den H F NoS S F Den A Kie S F Den
 F Nrg S F NoS A Ruhr S A Kie F Tun-Ion
 A Ber H A Mun S A Ber A Tyr H (unordered)

Russia (T Dousette) A Pru-Ber F Bal S A Pru-Ber
F Ska-NoS F Nwy S F Ska-NoS A Swe S F Nwy
A War-Sil A Vie H A Bud S A Vie

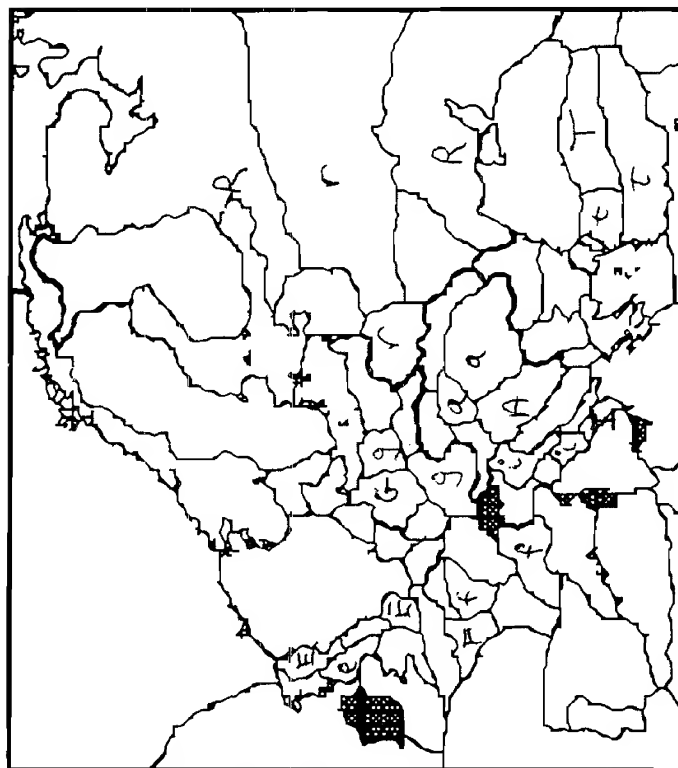
Turkey (Voogd) F Nap-Rom A Apu S F Nap-Rom
F Adr-Ven A Ven-Tus F Ion-TyS A Tri-Tyr
F EMed-Ion A Bul-Rum F Gre-Alb

Proposals: #1) R-T concession; #2) F-G-T draw;
#3) 4 way draw. Vote next time.
Press: Tur-Ger: You didn't vote for the concession to
Turkey. Am I not the front runner anymore?
Tur-Ger/Fra: You guys can't stop us. Vote R/T now.
Tur-Fra: I don't think you can stop me either
(especially if Germany keeps taking your dots) but if
you do I'll go north; to Munich.
Fra-All: Y'all still think this is anything but a 4-way?
ECY-Fra: Tur seems to have some other ideas.

SUPPLY CENTRE STANDINGS FALL 1906

Austria(0)	Out	-1
France(6)	BRE,Mar,Spa,Por,Lpl,NAP	+0

Germany(10) Hom,Lon,Edi,Hol,Bel,Den,Par,TUN+0
Russia(8) Hom,Nwy,Swe,Bud,VIE +0
Turkey(10) Hom,Bul,Ser,Gre,Tri,Ven,ROM,RUM +1
WINTER 1906 ADJUSTMENTS
Austria Remove: A Gal
Turkey Build: F S m y
WE WILL PLAY SPRING/SUMMER 1907 NEXT TIME



Mensa #40: 1992??; WINTER 1900

Welcome aboard. I run games in the English manner. We play Spring/Summer together and Fall/Winter. This means that you must send in prophetic retreats/removals/builds. That way you always know what the next movement season looks like before you have to move. My son drew slips of paper from a hat to choose your countries, as only one person had coresponded with me with a preference list.

Austria (Stephen Glasgow) A Vie A Bud F Tri

England (Stephen Gaddy) F **Edi** A **Lpl** F **Lon**

France (Jim Lewis) F Bre A Par A Mar

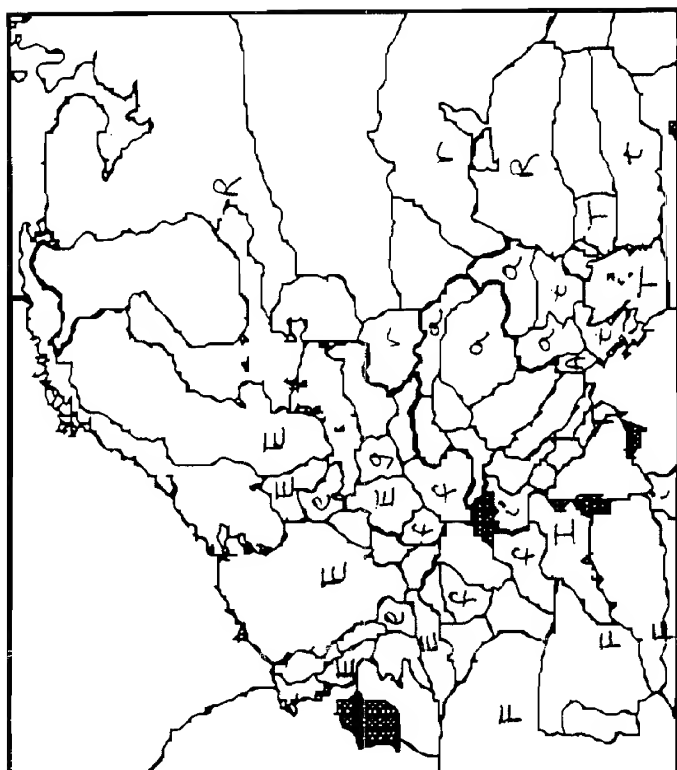
Germany (Jon Rosenthal) F Kie A Ber A Mun

Italy (Carl Nail) A Ven A Rom F Nap

Russia(Jim Grose) F StP (sc) A Mos A War F Sev

Turkey (Julien Beasley) F Ank A Con A Smy

WE WILL PLAY SPRING/SUMMER 1901 NEXT TIME



Salt of the Earth; 1992?; FALL 1903

Austria (Parkes) A Vie-Gal A Rum S A Vie-Gal
A Bud S A Rum A Ser S A Rum F Alb-Gre

England (Argyle) F Hol-Kie A Den S F Hol-Kie
F Ska S A Den F Swe-Bal F NoS-Eng C
F Nrg-NoS A Yor-Lon

France(Staats) F MAO-WMed F Naf S F MAO-WMed
A Mar H F Spa S A Mar A Mun H A Ruh S A Mun

Germany (McHugh) F Bal S RUSS F Fin-Swe (NSO)
A Kie-Mun(dis. ret->Ber) A Tyr S A Kie-Mun

Italy (Paulson) A Pie-Mar A Tun-NAf
F TyS-WMed F GoL S F TyS-WMed

Russia(Acheson) F Fin-StP (sc) A Sev S A Gal-Rum
A War-Gal A Gal-Rum(D.ret:Boh) F Bla S A Gal-Rum

Turkey (Robison) F Ion-Nap A Gre S A Bul
A Bul S A Gre F Aeg S A Gre

Press: Aus-Tur: I will leave you Bul & Gre if you leave
me Ser & Rum; otherwise we will cripple eachother.
Tur-All: Watch out on that postcard postage to
Canada! They tend to come back with a reg stamp.

SUPPLY CENTRE STANDINGS FALL 1903

Austria(5)	Hom, Ser, RUM	+0
England(7)	Hom, Scan, Hol, KIE	+1
France(6)	Hom, Bel, Spa, Por, MUN	+1
Germany(1)	Ber	-2

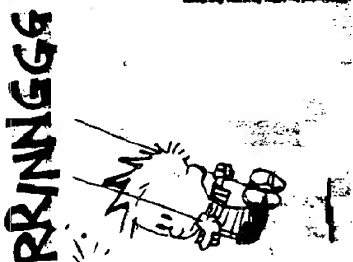
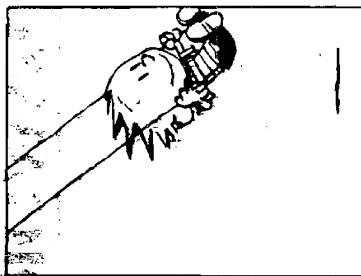
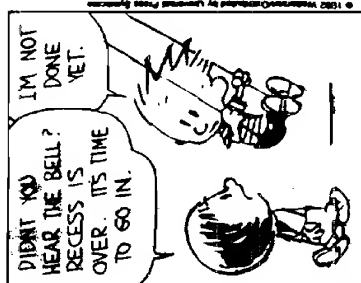
Italy(3)	Rom, Ven, Tun	-1
Russia(4)	Hom	-1
Turkey(6)	Hom, Bul, GRE, NAP	+2

WINTER 1903 ADJUSTMENTS

England	Build: F Lpl
France	Build: A Par
Germany	Remove: F Bal, A Tyr
Italy	Remove: F WMed
Russia	Remove: A Boh
Turkey	Build: A Smy, F Con

Note: I had to make a number of unordered retreats
and removals. We play this a l'anglaise. You must
predetermine retreats, removals and builds!

WE WILL PLAY SPRING/SUMMER 1904 NEXT TIME

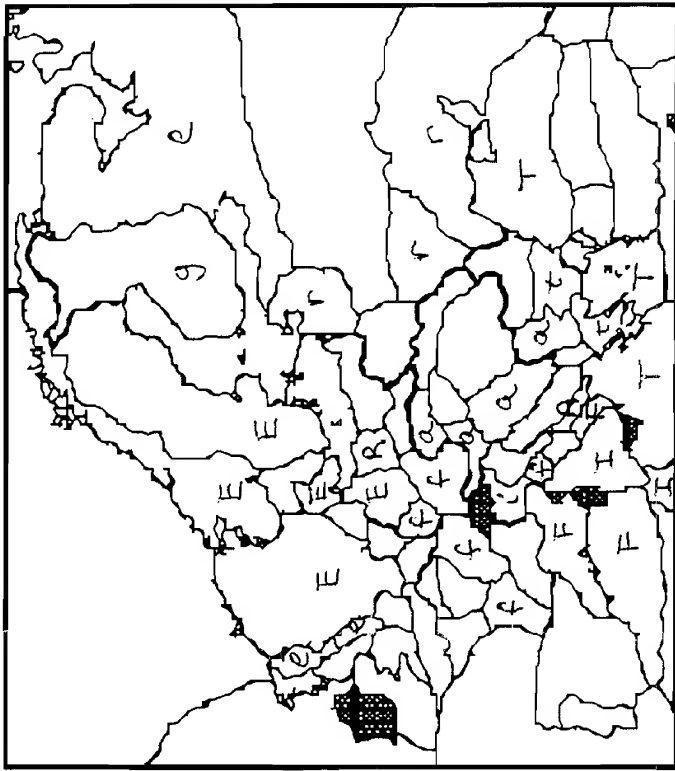


CALVIN AND HOBBES



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No Expectations; 1992?; SPRING 1904

Austria (Little Tank) F Adr-Apu A Boh-Mun
A Tri-Tyr A Bud-Tri A Rum-Ser

England (Jack the Ripper) A Lpl-Yor A Edi H
F Den-Swe F Nwy S F Den-Swe A StP-Mos
F NoS-Den F Lon-NoS F Kie-Ber

France(Wild Thing) A Mar-Tus F GoL C A Mar-Tus
A Ruh S A Mun F Rom-Nap F WMed-Tun
A Mun S ENG F Kie-Ber A Par-Gas A Bur-Mar

Germany (No Hope) A Swe-Fin

Italy (Julius Caesar) F TyS-Gol F Tun-WMed
A Pie-Mar

Russia (Mr. Nice Guy) F Ber-Kie A War-Liv
A Gal-Ukr A Sev-Mos

Turkey(P E #1) F Con-Bla A Gre S AUS A Rum(Imp)
F Smy-Aeg F Aeg-Ion A Bul S AUS A Rum(NSO)

Proposal: E-F concession; Please vote next time.

Press: Nice-GM: Why do you rewrite my press? I know my handwriting is not great, but I think you are taking greater liberty than you should in retyping my press. Is accuracy of no concern to you? Your changes can greatly effect the intended message. Please be more careful. I, in turn, will try to print more clearly.

ECY-Nice-All: Two thoughts; sometimes I will shorten some press if it runs one word over a line and I am

trying to squeeze the column in on a page. I may also edit press if it is quite long and will take up an inordinate amount of room. I always try to maintain the meaning of the press when/if I edit. I would never knowingly change the meaning. If I have I apologize. Sometimes I have a hard time reading what is written due to writing skills (I quite liberally interpret orders which might be judged illegible, too!)

In the specific, last time I really had a hard time reading Nice's press. Obviously I didn't do a good job. Sorry. Now all these other guys are mad at you. I'll tone them down.

PE#1-Nice: Get a life!

Tank-Nice: It's your ass as much as mine. I'm trying to move out of Rum, but someone keeps getting in the way. Jack has two new armies, and guess where they'll be headed, down your throat unless you get your armies into Sil/Pru/Mos and set up a stalemate line. If you continue to be petty with me you'll be out of the game in two years. My move to Mun is to try to keep you in Ber. I'll continue to do what I can, you should do the same.

Tank-PE#1: Get your fleets into action ASAP! If I lose Rum to Nice I may have to remove my lone fleet, leaving you to back stop JC and plug the Med.

Tank-Hope: May I suggest that (assuming that you retreated F Swe-Bal) you support Nice's F Ber. This way we may be able to halt the Wild/Jack trek across your former homeland.

Tank-Julius: Good move to TyS. If PE#1 can get his fleets into action we may be able to stop any further French gains.

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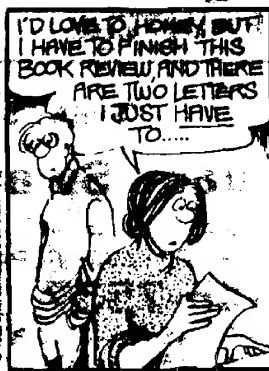
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